

A SEASIDE COTTAGE INTERIOR.

It Would Do as Well for the Interior of Any Summer Cottage.

The season of outing is at its height, and therefore the accompanying matter and illustrations, furnished to the Decorator and Furnisher by C. W. Clark, will be of interest. Mr. Clark has in mind especially the interior furnishing of a seaside cottage, but his design is suitable for a summer cottage anywhere. He offers his sketch to the rich and the poor, the owner and the tenant, hoping that not only professional decorators but home artists will find its suggestions of value in fitting up inexpensive and comfortable quarters.



INTERIOR OF A SEASIDE COTTAGE.

This article is also intended to reach that class of owners of miles and miles of ocean shore lands, who it seems prefer to let the lands remain barren waste instead of erecting thereon, at small cost, a number of portable bungalows, or one story cottages, which would not only be in great demand at the approach of the spring season, but would bring in quite a fair income. These little houses would be eagerly sought after by those who prefer the home quiet and privacy they afford to the discomforts of the stuffy and cramped quarters of the majority of our seaside hotels.

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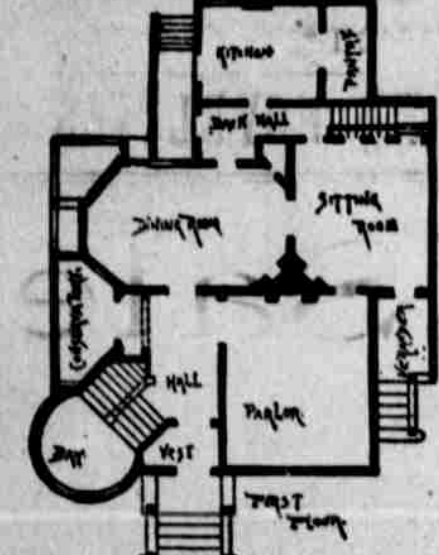
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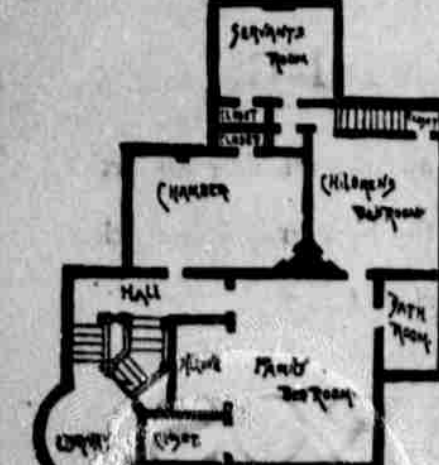


VIEW.

Stone foundation. Attic unfinished; principal apartments hard wood finished in oil; inside blinds, etc. Height of stories in feet: first, 10 feet 6 inches; second, 10 feet; cellar, 6 feet 6 inches. First story contains



GROUND FLOOR.
Parlor, 12x16, hall, 5 feet 6 inches x 13 feet 6 inches, 12x16, sitting room, 12x14; dining room, 12x14, conservatory, 6x15; kitchen, 10x13; pantry, 4x10. Second story contains four chambers one with alcove.



SECOND FLOOR.
Library, bathroom, four closets and linen closets. The parlor, sitting room, dining room and three of the chambers have fireplaces.
Estimated cost of building, \$4,000.



Elevation Design.

A plain, easily constructed and with a most appealing model, designed by H. F. Miller, of Philadelphia, is presented here with the front and side elevations showing the construction of the design so thoroughly that little can be said in explanation. We present a detail of the carved scroll that surmounts the mirror finish, and also a detail of the panel occurring immediately under the shelf.—Carpenstry and Building.

Threatening Letters.

Queen Victoria has been the recipient of several decidedly unique letters from the mahdi's successor, Khalifa Abdullah, who is evidently a man with a very large amount of head containing a very small amount of brains. Here is a part of one of them:

"In the name of God, the most high, mighty, merciful and compassionate, and Mohammed, his prophet, from his successor, the most faithful Abdullah, to Malaka, Queen Victoria, of England:

"This is the second letter I have written you. We hear you are held in high reputation among your servants and subjects, and we are pleased that on all sides we have received good reports of you. We therefore counsel you in an amicable manner at once to embrace the true faith. In that case be assured of our sincere friendship, and be certain that you may rely on our support and assistance on all occasions. But we recommend you at once to withdraw your forces from the land of Egypt, lest they be destroyed by us, with all unbelievers and infidels who remain disobedient to our mandate. Behold, we come quickly with immense armies to punish the obstinate. Those that are disobedient will be utterly swept away, but we shall be merciful to all those who recant their errors and embrace the true faith."

Then follows an enormous quantity of most utter bosh, but it is not insulting, like the khalfah's letter to the khedive. The latter has been warned in the most arrogant style that he is getting his last chance. The mahdi's successor regrets that he should have had to write to the khedive again on the same subject, and is astonished that his last letter was not answered. "I pity you," he concluded, "in that hour when I shall come upon you."

Both letters have been returned.—Chicago Herald.

A New Sabbatarian Movement.

The tendency of the times is, no doubt, strongly toward a more general observance of Sunday as a day of rest. Everywhere at the assembling of church denominations thus far this year, Sunday work, and especially the newspaper, has been openly denounced. In every state in the Union, with hardly an exception, Sunday trade, and particularly liquor selling, is now forbidden by statute. Recently some of the great railway lines, led by the Vanderbilt system, have stopped the running, as far as possible, of Sunday passenger and freight trains, and now the Sabbatarian movement is effecting the national administration.

Postmaster General Wanamaker is making an investigation in reference to Sunday work in postoffices, and proposes to have all useless labor on the day of rest cease at once. Following this announcement comes another of the abolition of Sunday duty in the regular army, by order of President Harrison. In his order he refers to the fact that Washington and Lincoln, in the exciting times of war, saw fit to enjoin the orderly observance of the Sabbath by the army and the navy, and he accordingly suggests that soldiers and sailors are entitled to a day of rest in times of peace.

The American people are usually too much engrossed in business to be diverted by movements of this nature. It is only when by the systematic and determined efforts of a few leading agitators some moral or political reform gets under headway that it moves with rapidly accelerating speed. Many see in this new Sabbatarian movement something that has already grown from a shadow into a cloud that may overshadow the land and darken the day for the Sabbath breaker everywhere.—Frank Leslie's Newspaper.

A Much Needed Postal Reform.

In order that the people might be well educated in matters of government, the early congresses put periodicals at a rate of postage which is only one-quarter of that exacted for books. This curious distinction still exists, though the periodical is often heavier and more cumbersome than the book. But a copy of Scribner's Magazine will be sent by the United States to an outlying postoffice in Washington territory at a quarter part of the price which a book of the same weight and the same size will be sent for. The result in the publishing of the country is exactly the same which might be seen if a great shoe dealer were boycotted by all the express companies. If the express companies said they would carry Jones & Co.'s shoes for a quarter part of the price for which they would carry Smith & Co.'s shoes, they would say just what the general government says when it carries the magazine weighing eight ounces for a quarter part of the price of a book weighing eight ounces. Of this you see the consequence the country over.

You shall go into a great western book store and you shall see piles of magazines. You shall turn and ask for books, and you may find not so many books in the shop as they receive magazines from The Century office or from Harper's, or from The Comopolitan, or from The Forum, in a month. This is very well for The Forum and for The Century, but it is very bad for literature; and the greatest gift which any courageous congressman can give to the authors and publishers of this country, and still more to the people of the country, will be a short amendment to the present statute which shall direct the carriage of all books as second class matter.—Rev. Dr. E. E. Hale in Forum.

The Hour of Death.

Many people have curious ideas regarding the hour of death. Some hold that the largest proportion of deaths from disease occur when the tide ebbs, while others think that the same is true in the early hours of morning. There are yet other more or less widespread impressions on this subject, but these mentioned appear to be the most popular ones. It has recently been stated that from time to time careful observations have been made in hospitals which have resulted in showing that the act of death takes place with fairly equal frequency during the whole twenty-four hours of the day. Very recently an investigation has been made in Paris, which showed that there was a certain falling off of the number of deaths between 7 and 11 o'clock in the evening, but that, with this exception, the proportion of deaths is about even.—Boston Herald.

Eiffel Tower Experiments.

Some very curious electrical experiments have been made at the top of the Eiffel tower, and many phenomena new to scientists have been brought to light. The atmosphere at the summit of the tower is free from all influence of the soil, as would be the case at the top of the mountain, and the air is in an extraordinary state of electricity. The tower will, it is said, be the most perfect conductor of electricity during a storm, and all within it will be in a state of entire immunity against all danger from lightning.—New York Telegram.

A Somerset Superstition.

In a village in Somerset the following superstitious belief is prevalent: During service in the church, if the church clock strikes while a hymn is being sung, the belief is that some parishioner will die within the week. So strong is this belief that the striking mechanism of the clock is always stopped during services in which hymns are sung.—European Letter.

He Left His Sympathy.

A stranger who was making loud inquiries at the city hall yesterday for the mayor was finally asked by an officer to state his errand. "I want to make a complaint against the way I was used at the postoffice," he replied. "But the mayor has nothing to do with the postoffice."

"He hasn't?"
"No, sir. Uncle Sam runs that."
"Well, I've had my satchel stolen, and I want to see him about that."
"It's no use, sir. You should go to the police."
"Hasn't the mayor anything to do with it?"
"Not a thing."
"But they put me off a street car up here. I want to see him about that."
"He couldn't help you any."
"Say! You don't mean to tell me that your mayor hasn't got any power, do you?"
"Not in such cases."
"Humph! Just sits right in his office, eh? Just smokes cigars and looks big and bosses the city hall, eh? Say! What's the use? If a fellow can't boss the whole roost what's the use of holding office? Say! I'm sorry for him. Give him my love and tell him he has my sympathy."—Detroit Free Press.

A Mean Trick.

Griggs—What is the matter between you and Diggs? I thought you used to be sworn friends.
Diggs—So we were once, but that is over now.
Griggs—Why, what separated you?
Diggs—He made me a present of a fountain pen.—Somerville Journal.

No Danger.



Young Bud—I've had eleven proposals since my coming out.
Withered Leaf—Yes, the men all know you are having too good a time to think of marriage.—Life.

How Romulus White Was Deceived.

"Human nature" is powerfully deceptive, ain't she? queried the old man, after we had been silent for some time.

"Sometimes,"
"You bet she is! I'm a living in the village of R—, forty miles down the road. I've got a gal named Mollie. She's about as dandy a country gal as you'll find in the state. Last winter a stranger struck the town, and at once fell in love with Mollie. I didn't like his looks, and I said to the gal: 'Mollie, beware of that chap. I kin read him like a book, and I tell you he ain't honest nor honorable. I'll bet a wheat stack to a pumpkin that he's a sharper.'"

"The gal differed with me, and about a month ago they were married."
"Mighty honorable sort of a man. I was clean mistaken in him. They had been married three days when along came a woman from Dunkirk and claimed him and showed a certificate. I expected he would deny her, but he didn't. Owned right up like a little man. She was still there when a second one came on from Oswego. Looked bilious for my new son-in-law, and I looked to see him flunk, but he didn't. Just acknowledged the corn and said he was willing to do the fair thing."

"And how did it end?"
"They had him arrested for bigamy. They wanted us to go agin him, too, but when I mentioned it to him he said: 'Father, don't do it. Here's my watch and \$50, and they are yours if you don't.'"
"And you didn't?"
"No. He was a-tryin' to do the square thing, and when a man tries to do the square thing by Romulus White I can't go back on him. I gin the gal the money and I kept the watch, and I guess we couldn't have done better."—New York Sun.

To Bargain Hunters.

Proprietor—We must do something to sell these goods.
Clerk—Yes, they are going slow. What would you suggest?
Proprietor—Mark them 10 per cent. higher and label them "damaged remnants," and they'll be closed out today.—Omaha World.

A Hint to the Wise.

Guest—How does it happen, landlord, that your house is full this summer, whereas your rival hasn't hardly a soul?
Summer Hotel Landlord—Oh, you see, his guests found out that there weren't any pianos in his house, and they came over here in shoals.—Burlington Free Press.

All Forgiven.

Fanny—Why, Emma, how cordially you shook hands with Miss Frizhar at the party last night. I thought you were deadly enemies.
Emma—Oh, that is all past. I have forgiven her everything, she has grown so plain looking.—Merchant Traveler.

But Found He Couldn't.

Tom—Hello, Jack, what's the matter? You are all cut up.
Jack (just returned from the country)—I thought I could swing a scythe.—Yankee Blade.

Woman's Career.

She was a fair girl graduate, enrobed in spotless white.
And on her youthful features shone a halo of holy light.
She bent with grace her dainty head to receive the ribbon blue.
Whereas hung the silver medal, adjudged to be her due.
I watched her face with rapture as she raised to heaven her eyes.
And moved her lips in prayer as her fingers clasped the prize.
For I knew to education she had pledged her coming days.
To unclasp poor woman's fetters, and free her from man's ways.
Time passed. Our pathways parted, but ever and anon.
My thoughts would stray toward her, and I'd speculate upon.
What my graduate was doing, if afloat the scroll of fame.
Among unfeeling workers, had been written high her name.
At last I chanced to meet her, but her looks were pushed aside.
While around a dainty garment she sewed the lace with pride.
And at her feet her baby, dimpled happy cowering youth.
'Twas that silver medal was cutting his first tooth.—Life.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The green two cent postage stamp is to "go." Its place will be taken by a stamp either carmine or metallic red in color.

Out of respect to Queen Victoria, the private papers of John Bright, like those of Lord Beaconsfield, will not be published till after her death.

A Yankee has set up a school in Paris, and advertises that he "will teach any Frenchman to speak the only sensible language in the world in six weeks, and at a cost of only \$25."

Washington claims to have the handsomest equipages drawn by the best horses in the United States.

The total assessed value of the real and personal estate in New York city for the year 1889 is \$1,061,829,114.

The vicinity of Black Rock, a short distance below Buffalo, was the scene of stirring events in the war of 1812-15.

The parols carried in the United States cost \$14,000 annually.

The supreme court of Ohio has decided that preferences made to certain creditors on the eve of assignment are void.

Mrs. Grant, according to a recent authoritative announcement, has thus far received about \$300,000 from the publication of Gen. Grant's memoirs.

Two hundred and sixty Indians, the necessary two-thirds, have signed the Sioux treaty at the Lower Brule agency, D. T.

Mrs. Arad Graves, of Waterbury, Vt., has a hill of peanuts growing in her garden, also a cotton plant, and both are doing finely.

The Association of Centenary Firms of Philadelphia has been organized. The association consists of firms that have carried on business in that city for 100 years or more.

Some 14,000 girls attend the London school board cookery centers, and arrangements are being made for the accommodation of a still larger number.

A northern syndicate is buying up the historic lands at Appomattox, Va., where Gen. Lee surrendered to Grant. Over 1,500 acres have already been secured.

The Indian population, since placed on reservations, has increased faster than the black or white, while the rate of mortality has steadily decreased.

The Italian government has begun the work of tearing down 17,000 houses and sixty-two churches in the poorer part of Naples, in order to rebuild and improve the district.

A Bartlett pear tree near Winsted, Conn., is not only loaded with half grown pears, but a few days since put out buds again and is white with blossoms. A tree loaded both with fruit and blossoms is a rarity.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, brother of the Marquis of Lansdowne, is engaged to be married to Miss Fitzgibbon, the well known American Oriental scholar.

A South Carolina convict who made a break and knew that the dogs would take his trail used two pounds of strong snuff to sprinkle in his tracks, and the dogs let go and returned in disgust.

Sapphire produces somnambulism and impels the wearer to all good works. In the zodiac it signifies Leo, and in Christian art is dedicated to St. Andrew, emblematic of his heavenly faith and good hope. Some give this gem to April.

During a short thunder storm at Antrim, Tioga county, Pa., lightning broke a telephone wire, turned one end back and welded it solidly, making a loop. It is said the weld was as perfect as any expert could have made it.

Recent experiments at the ear hospital in London indicate that stammering is not a nervous defect only. In operations for deafness in several cases for patients were cured of stammering also, and the result is the opinion that stammering comes from some defect in the hearing.

The Burmese believe that the ruby ripens like fruit. They say that a ruby in its crude state is colorless, and, as it matures, changes first to yellow, then to green, then to blue, and lastly to a brilliant red, its highest state of perfection and ripeness. In the zodiac it stands for Ar. Some give it to December, and make it the emblem of brilliant success.

One of the funniest things that has happened in Greenville, Tenn., for some time was the shooting of a negro the other night by a policeman. The cop blazed away at the man and shot him in the elbow, the ball glancing and striking the negro in the cheek. As he spit the ball out he said: "Look heah, white man, you quit dat shootin' at me; fust thing yu knows yu gwinter brake some respectable pusson's winder glass."

Lepers in the Himalayas.

The death of Father Damien has drawn attention to the leper settlements in various parts of the world, and it is well to overlook English men and women who, in India and elsewhere, are proving to be true friends of the leper. A few days ago, writes the correspondent of a Manchester paper, I met the Rev. Henry Coley, of Almora. He says there is a leper settlement near him in the Himalaya mountains, where there are on an average 107 inmates, in addition to others who, even in their misery, prefer freedom in their village homes to the more regular comfort provided in the asylum. Referring to these lepers, the Rev. J. Hewlett, M. A., who (like Mr. Coley) labors in connection with the London Missionary society, says that he is recently welcomed to church fellowship ninety-six of these lepers, who, under God, owed all to the instruction given and the brotherly help shown by another Englishman, Rev. John Henry Budden. I do not want to pluck one flower from the grave of the Belgian priest on the shores of Molokai, but I think we should not overlook the work which is being done so well by agents of the English free churches in various parts of the world.—Fall Mail Gazette.

Worse Than a "White Elephant."

Writing from Vienna, our correspondent in that city says: "A singular fate has befallen a dead whale which has lately been exhibited in the Prater. Of gigantic dimensions, and in this respect a sight indeed well worth seeing, it had been captured in the Cattagat, and after having been put to death, had been prepared in such a way as to admit of its being shown at Copenhagen and Berlin for several weeks. The conveyance of the huge animal from Copenhagen, by way of the great sea of rich farming and grazing lands, affording the best facilities of intercommunication to all towns and cities east and west, northwest and southwest of Chicago, and Pacific and transoceanic seaports.



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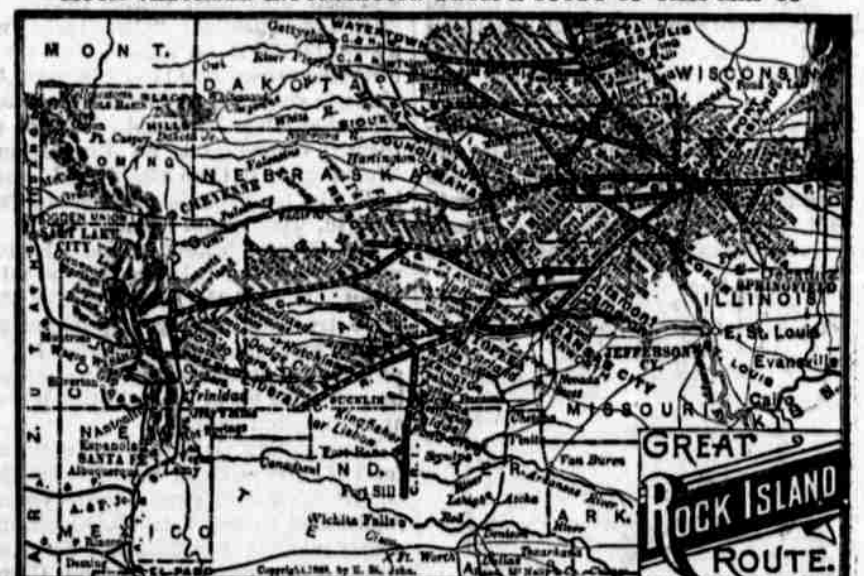
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